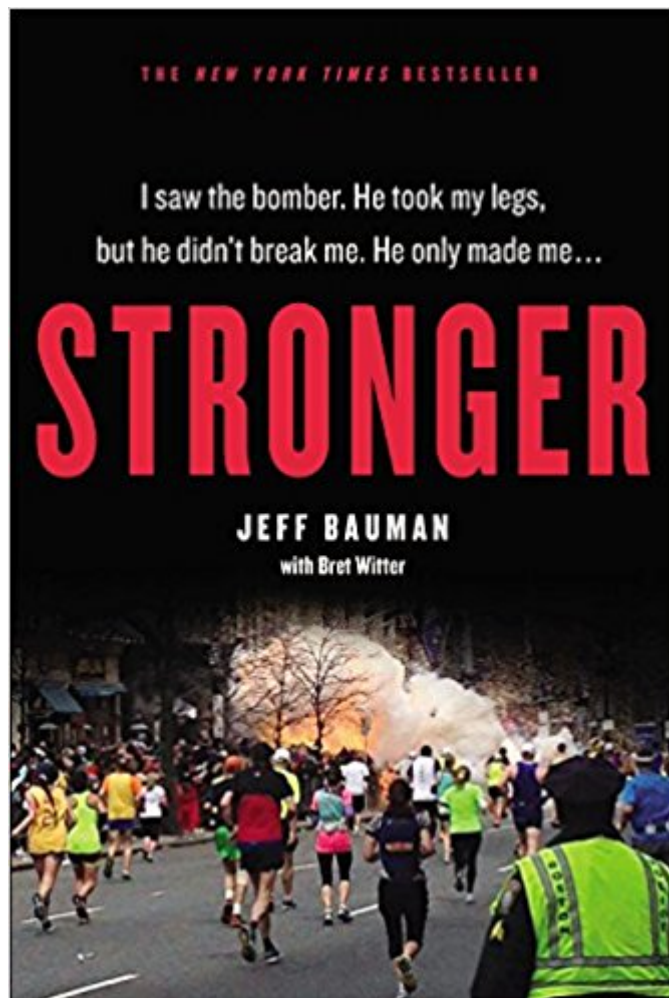




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"STRONGER is not merely a triumph-over-adversity story, but a love story....the book exudes a sense of transparency and honesty." *—* [Boston Globe](#) "Bauman's moving story illustrates what he believes: 'We are better than cowards with bombs...We are stronger.'" *—* [People Magazine](#)

Jeff Bauman was an ordinary 27-year-old when a bomb took his legs at the Boston Marathon. A photograph taken at the scene and his vital role in identifying the bomber made him the face of the tragedy, but his determination, humor, and positive attitude has since inspired millions. Bret Witter has co-authored eight New York Times bestsellers. His books have been translated into over thirty languages and sold over two million copies worldwide

This is the amazing story behind "that picture" that we all saw on that awful day of the young man with his legs blown off by a bomb. I have no connection to the Boston Marathon or even to Boston, but like millions of others, i'm sure, i was heartbroken by the event and captivated particularly by Jeff and the hero Carlos who saved his life. (The story of Carlos is also heartbreaking). This book is written in a charming, easy style. You feel you know Jeff while reading this. I'm writing this review on the off chance that he himself will read his reviews here on . He is struggling to understand why everyone thinks he is a "hero". I have often thought about why we make heroes out of victims of violence and terrorism, in particular. While reading his book, it came to me. They are heroes because the bombers are targeting all of us. He could have been my son, or husband. Any of them

could have been our friends, wives or children. Any of us could have been these victims. Jeff represents the thousands or millions of people who could have been in his place instead. He and the other injured and dead took the brunt of the assault. He represents us all. He and the others suffered in our place, that makes him a hero. This is a book that gave me goose bumps, made me laugh, made me cry and left me feeling in awe.

Would like to give this 4.5 stars; wish that gave the option. Being from the Boston area, I always wanted to learn more about Jeff's experience after following his story on the news and on the internet. I started and almost finished the book on a flight from Boston to New Orleans (needed one night in the hotel to finish) and couldn't put it down. Really interesting to learn about what rehab entails for an amputee, and all the challenges that would never occur to an outsider like me. Just amazing. I teared up at a few spots. Hope more people read this book as a lesson about human endurance. We all have a lot to learn from this guy and from the others who were senselessly injured- physically and emotionally- from the marathon bombing last year. Jeff does not portray himself as an angel, nor as a superhero whose progression moved steadily upwards. To me, this makes him all the more real- and it's another reason why he represents the best of our great city. Reading this story makes me proud to call myself a Bostonian. All the best to Bauman, who is now indeed Stronger.

This was a great story. It brought me to tears thinking about the bombing again and how each of these survivors and their loved ones went through. I picked this for our book club and we all enjoyed it and lead to some great discussion. I tried to find out what Jeff is up to now since the publication of the book and only could find that he and Erin are divorced. We all agreed in our book club that was written on the wall. Guilt was not enough to make a marriage work. I would recommend this book. It is good for other people to feel the emotions, frustration, and fears of those involved in this type of tragedy.

Having been on Boylston Street diagonally across from the second bomb, this book resonated with all the horror of that day, and the trauma, struggles, depression, hope, and resolve that carries on to this day. Jeffrey's story is the one that's been told for all those affected by this unthinkable act.

Though I know he mustn't feel strong at times, what Jeff Bauman has endured is more than most people will ever have to take. He appears strong, and as I watched his story unfold in the news and

through photos, I wondered how he was doing, how he gets through the day and how he copes with his "in a second" disability. He has a strong sense of self, and should be admired greatly for the way he has handled himself. I appreciate him coming forward to share his story. This isn't about literature, those that are being literature critics, it is about the sharing of a tragic event that millions of people had witnessed and how a strong person deals with the tragedy. Others should learn strong strength.

Being a teacher of English, I cringe when I see text talk used in formal writing - my problem. Once I was able to get beyond this, I found Jeff's story inspiring. I am from Boston, so I was able to make connections to some of the places addressed in the story, and several of my work colleagues were running the race that day - for me, the story is personal. I gave the book a rating of only 3 out of 5 stars. It was not a well written story, but the many physical and emotional obstacles faced by the character and his ability to persevere in such an unimaginable set of circumstances make the book a worthwhile read.

Very Well written by Jeff and very inspiring. If nothing else it should serve as a reminder to be thankful for what you have and take nothing for granted. Bauman serves as a reminder that no matter how difficult things get, stay positive, be strong and never stop fighting and eventually things will turn around. As a Bostonian and someone who was volunteering at the 2013 marathon, I've always felt a connection. Bauman makes sure that this book serves as a tribute to all victims and their families and perfectly encapsulates how the city rallied around each other to drive out evil and make sure that love prevailed. Well done, highly recommended.

I've been wanting to read this for some time and when hearing about the movie being made soon. I thought better now than later. But it was great getting to see his struggles and his eventual triumph

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